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FNEI Wins Northern Ontario Business Award

Five Nations Energy Inc. is proud to announce that it has been recognized by the Northern Ontario Business Awards with the First Nations Business Award of Excellence, an award sponsored by Ontario Power Generation.

Mike Metatawabin, President of Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) accepted the award at the Northern Ontario Business Awards Gala in Timmins on October 18, 2007. Mr. Metatawabin accepted the award in the memory of Cecil MacDonald, FNEI's first General Manager, and Ernie T. Sutherland, the corporation's first President, who was instrumental in the early development of FNEI. Mr. Metatawabin also thanked the owners of Five Nations Energy Inc., the Fort Albany Power Corporation, Kashechewan Power Corporation, and Attawapiskat Power Corporation, as well as the Chiefs of the member communities and the project team who had made the transmission line possible.

Five Nations Energy Inc. is proud to be recognized alongside the other outstanding businesses located in Northern Ontario businesses that received awards at the Northern Ontario Business Awards.

The Omushkego Ishkotayo Tipachimowin is a free newsletter published by Five Nations Energy Inc.

The purpose of this publication is to keep the Mushkegowuk Communities as well as other members of the public informed about the Five Nations Energy Inc. Transmission Line Project and other issues associated with energy use.

Five Nations Energy Inc. is a federally incorporated non-profit corporation that owns and operates a 138kv electrical transmission line from Moosonee to Attawapiskat, ON. This line connects three remote Cree communities to the main Ontario transmission grid and covers a distance of 270 kms.

For more information contact visit http://www.fivenations.ca. Cree translation provided by Greg Spence.

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President's Message

10 years ago we published a special edition of the Omushkego Arrow dedicated to keeping the communities informed about Omushkego Ishkotayo. In it are stories of the work required to get started on this project, but also some stories about the situation facing the communities before the line was installed. The frequent and sometimes long power outages, an explosion in Attawapiskat of a generator, and a shortage of energy to the arena, so no ice could be made that year. In just 10 years we have come a long way, and are now being recognized outside our communities for the success of the transmission line and the business. It is not just reliability that we have gained, or more power; it is also significant assets we can build on, experience in the energy industry, and control that no other First Nation and very few communities have.

Five Nations Energy is one of only five transmission companies in Ontario, and is the only one wholly owned by First Nations communities. We have a unique structure that gives ownership and control to each of the three communities. The local distribution companies (LDC), Attawapiskat Power Corporation, Kashechewan Power Corporation, and the Fort Albany Power Corporation each own 1/3 of Five Nations Energy Inc. and direct FNEI as members of the board. Each LDC has one seat on the board, and each community has one seat on the board. The success of FNEI and the three LDCs depends on working cooperatively to make sure that each community and each business thrives and grows in the future. It is through this sharing and working together that the three communi-

ties were able to build and own this line, and in the future, this relationship will continue to grow stronger and build on our past success.

It is important for everyone to

continue to support and work with their local LDC and with FNEI. All four businesses are owned by and operated for the

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Five Nations Energy Inc. Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On September 30, 2007, Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) celebrated its 10th anniversary. FNEI is the only transmission company in Ontario that is owned and operated by First Nations and has overcome many challenges during its first ten years.

Five Nations Energy Inc. was created in September of 1997 to explore the feasibility of connecting three remote First Nation communities (Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan) to the main Ontario power grid. At the time FNEI was formed, electricity for all three communities was being supplied via diesel generators by the former Ontario Hydro Remote Community system. The diesel generators had numerous drawbacks, and by 1997, economic development and community growth was inhibited by the limits of the electricity systems in place. Vast natural resources are located in the region, but the lack of infrastructure has held back development.

The three communities often experienced service outages which were particularly difficult as many residents and businesses rely on electric heat in the winter time when temperatures fall below minus 40 degrees Celsius. Diesel generators are noisy, bringing diesel fuel into the communities is costly and risky to the environment. There are no all-weather roads to the communities, and fuel is brought in by barge in the summer season or on the seasonal winter road which is open for less than 3 months in the winter. The leadership of the communities believed that the transmission line project, called "Omushkego Ishkotayo" (Cree for "fire through the muskeg"), would improve the quality of life for community members.

When the corporation was founded in 1997, the electricity market in Ontario was in a state of change. Deregulation was underway, and the new market rules were being developed. Bringing a new transmission company into existence during this time was very challenging. "Just as we would make plans for how the system would operate and explain them to the community members, the market rules would change," remembers Ed Chilton, Project Coordinator. "The changing regulatory environment, and a lack of capital along with the political environment of five First Nation communities with their different views and objectives, really presented a challenge. Many people thought this project would never happen, but we persevered and overcame the challenges," he said.

SNC Lavalin Services was awarded a design-build contract for the transmission line system, with the actual construction sub contracted to PowerTel Utilities Contractors Limited. Due to the fact that much of the transmission line route is over muskeg, the bulk of the line's construction could only take place during the winter months when the ground was frozen.

Three local distribution companies, (one in each community to be connected to the line) were created at the same time as FNEI, and each local distribution company each owns 1/3 of FNEI. The transmission line was energized to the community of Fort Albany in November 2001 and to Kashechewan in December 2001. The switch to energize the community of Attawapiskat was thrown on

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December 3, 2003. In an area of high unemployment, the electricity transmission and distribution systems provide much needed jobs for community members as journeymen linesmen, managers, and administrative support personnel.

The Omushkego Ishkotayo transmission line turned out to be beneficial in other ways. De Beers Canada Inc. is opening Ontario's first diamond mine which is known as the Victor Project, located 90 km west of Attawapiskat in the spring of 2008. The diamonds will be mined from an open pit, and keeping the water from the surrounding muskeg from flooding the pit will take a lot of energy. If a nearby connection to Ontario's grid had not been available, large amounts of fuel for diesel generators would have needed to

be brought to the site through the fragile ecosystem along with all of the associated environmental risks.

As a licensed transmitter in Ontario, FNEI is required to obey the rules set out in Ontario's Transmission System Code and connect potential new customers upon request. In 2005, Five Nations received a direction from the Independent Electricity System Operator, to connect the De Beers Canada Victor Project to the FNEI transmission system. De Beers built and paid for the transmission line from the Attawapiskat substation to the Victor site, which was energized in September 2006. The Victor Mine is just one example of the many opportunities that the communities can now benefit from as a result of this new infrastructure.

Once connected to the grid, "Our

lifestyle changed for the better," said Mike Metatawabin, President of Five Nations Energy Inc. Mr. Metatawabin was Chief of Fort Albany First Nation when the community was connected. "We now have access to virtually unlimited amounts of electricity. Our community can expand, and residents are more comfortable inside electrically heated homes with a reliable power source," he said.

Since the transmission line has been operating, the three communities have experienced the benefits that a connection to the grid offers. These benefits include less service disruptions, shorter outages, reduced environmental impact and risk, and the ability to undertake economic development activities such as new residential sub-divisions, new schools and recreational facilities.

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IN MEMORY OF
CECIL G. MacDONALD
October 24, 1949 – July 1, 2007

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the people and organizations who showed their support through the thoughts, prayers, visits, condolences, help and most of all their love.
Lovingly remembered by: Rita, Janice, Mike, Ryan, Leah, Jamie, Jade, Janica, and step-grandsons Justin and Jordan.

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday."
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FNEI System Upgrade and Telecom Network Update
Contributed by Ed Chilton, Project Coordinator, Five Nations Energy Inc.

In 2006, Five Nations Energy Inc. undertook a Capital Project to raise the standard of our substations and transmission lines to improve the reliability and delivery of electricity to the communities north of Moosonee. The standards that we use are the same as the standards to which other transmission line companies in Ontario, such as Hydro One Networks, Great Lakes Power and Canadian Niagara, operate. When we built the existing transmission system, we only had enough funds to build a system to deliver electricity, without the necessary equipment in place in the event of a failure of major piece of equipment at the substations.

In the original plans for the Omushkego Ishkotayo transmission system, spare transformers (weighing 40 tonnes) were purchased for the Attawapiskat and Fort Albany substations. Kashechewan had a fairly new diesel generation station which was to be used in the event of a system failure. The spare transformers were in cold storage and if a transformer failed, it could have taken up to 20 days until the failed transformer was removed, the spare put in place, and energized. FNEI's Capital Project includes placing the spare transformers in position to switch transformers more quickly. The plan is that we could complete the switch-over within hours, not days or weeks.

We completed the work at the Attawapiskat Substation in May 2007 and plan on completing the work at the Fort Albany Substation in late summer 2008. We have placed the order for a second transformer for Kashechewan, which will mean that the transformer can be delivered via the Winter Road in 2009 and completion of the installation later that year. Five Nations Energy had to wait for a final decision from Kashechewan whether the community would relocate before completing the design of the unit. If the community had decided to re-locate, the whole system in Kashechewan would have been rearranged with different equipment to serve a new community.

The estimated cost of the Capital Project is $13 million and Five Nations Energy borrowed $9 million from two lenders which will be repaid over a period of 20 years.

An important part of our Capital Project is the installation of a fibre optic telecommunications system to allow us to monitor our systems on a real-time basis. At the present time, we are using the dial-up analog microwave system which is outdated and overloaded. Equipment is in place that automatically dials-up to our substations every 30 minutes, but this could mean that the power could be off for 29 minutes before we knew it and could take corrective measures to restore power. With the new telecommunication system, we will be able to monitor at all times and if there was a failure, correct it sooner and restore the delivery of electricity. We should have that system up and running by July 2008.

When we designed the new fibre optic telecommunication system between Moosonee and Attawapiskat, we made sure that there was enough capacity for the use by the communities, replacing the obsolete analog microwave system. The Mushkegowuk Council is the proponent who is looking for funding from the various levels of governments to allow the communities to connect to the modern fibre optic system and improve the telecommunication systems in their communities. Five Nations Energy Inc. is a licensed and regulated transmission line company who can only operate in the electricity sector. We are not allowed to operate as a telecommunication company, but we are prepared to lease available space on our system to others to make a modern communications network available to the James Bay communities.

A helicopter installs the top section of the high voltage support.

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Photos by Michel Sutherland, Fort Albany, ON

community. People continue to complain to FNEI about the costs of energy, but FNEI has no role in determining the rates people pay. The rates are determined by the local distribution company and are approved by the Ontario Energy Board. FNEI is paid a specific amount set by the Ontario Energy Board and based on the amount of energy transmitted in Ontario.

Five Nations and its community owners are years ahead of other communities, with established local distribution and ownership of transmission lines. We have reason to celebrate and be proud of our accomplishments and to look to the future to work together to make FNEI and the three LDCs a stronger team.

Welcome to John Sucee and Rose Anna Campbell

FNEI is pleased to welcome two new staff members to its team: Rose Anna Campbell as Administrative Assistant, and John Sucee as Operations Manager.

Rose Anna Campbell took on the role as Administrative Assistant with Five Nations Energy Inc. in August 2007. Rose Anna has extensive experience in the administrative field and has worked in the employment and training field assisting aboriginal peoples with their employment and training needs. She has also participated on various committees aimed at enhancing employment opportunities for aboriginal peoples. Rose Anna is a First Nations person from the Mushkegowuk territory, and is very pleased to join Five Nations Energy Inc. She can be contacted at adminassistant@fivenations.ca .

John Sucee is the latest addition to the FNEI team, taking on the role of Operations Manager as of October 9, 2007.

John is a Certified Industrial Electrician and brings over 27 years of experience in the mechanical and electrical maintenance industry to the position of Operations Manager.

Prior to taking on this role, John spent 9 months as a subcontractor with FNEI which provided him with the opportunity to become familiar with the company's operations, employees, contractors, and the communities served by the transmission line. Outside of work, John has served as a Special Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police and has volunteered for the Ontario Federation of Snowmobiles and the OPP's STOP program. John can be reached at jsucee@fivenations.ca.

FNEI is pleased to welcome Rose Anna and John to the team!

New General Manager John Sucee and new Administrative Assistant Rose Anna Campbell at FNEI's 10th Anniversary celebrations.

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